



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Parks and Recreation
Director of Public Works

At its meeting held February 11, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Public Works' joint recommendation with the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Parks and Recreation to approve the revised project budget of \$5,082,074 for the Loma Alta County Park Gymnasium and General Improvement Project, C.P. 68961 (5); also approve the following related actions:

Approve appropriation adjustment in total amount of \$883,000 to reflect additional funding for the Project from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 and Community Facilities District 7;

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute supplemental agreement with Carde Ten Architects to provide additional architectural/engineering design and consultant services for the Project, for a fee not to exceed \$254,952, funded from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996;

Approve appropriation adjustment in amount of \$184,000 to establish Capital Project 86587, which will provide for the relocation of the Sunset Ridge Trail with funding from Community Facilities District 7;

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Instruct the Directors of Parks and Recreation, and Public Works, and the Chief Administrative Officer to develop recommendations regarding the development of a trail system in the Altadena foothills;

Instruct the Director of Public Works, with assistance from the Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor-Controller and Treasurer and Tax Collector, to coordinate the transfer of remaining proceeds from the Community Facilities District 7 Special Tax bonds to County Capital Projects 68961 and 86587; and

Find that the relocation of the portion of the Chaney/Sunset Ridge Trail connecting the Loma Alta County Park to the remainder of the trail is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Tim Gallagher, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ken Balder, Chairman, Altadena Town Council, Tracy Sullivan representing Altadena Equestrian Resources, Stan Jones, Don DeJardin, Dr. Hosham Ragab representing the Loma Alta Community Committee and other interested persons, addressed the Board.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Based on my motion, the County’s audit of the La Vina development project has revealed that less than half of the conditions of approval were met, the construction of the gymnasium was halted and the development failed to deliver on the promises it made to the community. This is unacceptable. The County is now working with the community and the developer to address these failures.

“The proposed gymnasium and equestrian improvements at Loma Alta Park are vital for the residents in Altadena. With a 5,500 square foot community room and a 9,500 square foot gymnasium, the state-of-the-art facility will optimize park staff activity allowing for the management of the gym and community center operations from a single office. The Gym’s varying rooflines will soften visual impact to meet community standards.

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“The project also includes a dramatic renovation and expansion of the equestrian facilities at Loma Alta Park and a redesign and expansion of the trail system at and around the park. Fencing, lighting, and a riding ring and corral will be installed to improve safety, functionality and visual appeal. The Sunset Ridge Trail will be relocated and improved so that equestrians have a safe means of accessing the Chaney Trail. Finally, the County will be working with the local equestrian, hiking, and conservancy groups to reestablish the trail system surrounding the park and extending east and west across Altadena.

“Work should begin immediately on the equestrian related improvements and trail acquisition. County staff is indicating that a trail easement is required across property to be dedicated by Southwest Diversified to the La Vina Homeowner’s Association. The County should move immediately to secure an easement from Southwest Diversified before the property is transferred. Additionally, reports should be given regularly to the Altadena Town Council and the community.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Director of Public Works' attached joint recommendations with the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Parks and Recreation;
2. Authorized the construction of the Loma Alta Gym and Equestrian Improvements; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Directors of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, to immediately begin working with the community to reestablish the east-west trail system, including securing the necessary easements.

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Attachment

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